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SUBJECT: PATRONAT REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH

HIGH LEVEL TV DEBATE

1. FRENCH PATRONAT, WHICH IS CENTRAL ORGANIZATION OF MAJOR EMPLOYERS IN FRANCE ROUGHLY COMPARABLE TO NAM IN US, HAS REQUESTED USG ASSISTANCE IN INVITING TOP LEVEL US BUSINESS PARTICIPANTS FOR MAJOR TV PROGRAM TO BE SPONSORED IN FRANCE BY PATRONAT IN MAY AS PART OF PATRONAT'S BICENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE. SCENARIO AS ENVISIONED BY PATRONAT WOULD BE TO HAVE HALF DOZEN TOP FRENCH BUSINESS EXECUTIVES CONDUCT WIDE RANGING DISCUSSIONS WITH AMERICAN EXECUTIVES OF CORRESPONDING STATURE.

2. PATRONAT HAS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED OUR ASSISTANCE IN CONTACTING HENRY FORD, DAVID ROCKEFELLER, GEORGE SCHULTZ, GENERAL GAVIN, AND A MRS. KELLOGG WHO IS UNDERSTOOD TO BE VICE PRESIDENT OF GENERAL ELECTRIC. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN APPROACHING THESE PEOPLE TO GET THEIR AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN DEBATE. THIS WOULD OF COURSE INVOLVE TRAVEL TO FRANCE DURING TIME FRAME INVOLVED FOR WHICH UNCLASSIFIED

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PATRONAT WOULD PRESUMABLY PAY ALL EXPENSES. ALTERNATIVE

DATES CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION ARE MAY 13, 20 AND 27.

- 3. IF DEPT HAS SUGGESTIONS FOR OTHER PARTICIPANTS WE BELIEVE PATRONAT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING THEM.
- 4. WE HAVE SUGGESTED TO PATRONAT THAT THEY ALSO SOLICIT ASSISTANCE OF NAM CHAIRMAN RICHARD KAUTZ WHO IS EXPECTED TO BE IN PARIS FEB 1 6 (SEE USIA 31676).
- 5. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS TV EVENT, WHICH WILL COINCIDE ROUGHLY WITH PRESIDENT GISCARD'S VISIT TO US, OFFERS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR SYMPATHETIC EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN TOP AMERICAN AND FRENCH BUSINESSMEN ON PERTINENT EVENTS OF THE DAY AND ON FRANCO-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND ON TOPICS SUCH AS THE CONDUCT OF MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES WHICH ARE OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN FRANCE.

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